STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

# Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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| 1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER<br>The Lennox Independent | | 2. DATE OF FILING<br>9/27/02 |
| 3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE<br>weekly | 3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY<br>52 | 3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE<br>$25/$30 |
| 4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION *(Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)*<br>PO Box 76, Lennox, SD 57039-0076 | | |
| 5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER *(Not printer)*<br>116 S. Main, PO Box 76, Lennox, SD 57039-0076 | | |
| 6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:<br>Verlyn and Debbie Schmidt | | |
| 7. OWNER *(If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.*<br>FULL NAME: Verlyn and Debbie Schmidt<br>COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: 27726 467th Ave., Lennox, SD 57039 | | |
| 8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES *(If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form)* | | |
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| A. TOTAL NO. COPIES *(Net Press Run)* | 1850 | 1850 |
| B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION<br>1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales | 268 | 297 |
| 2. Mail Subscription<br>*(Paid and or requested)* | 1510 | 1492 |
| C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION<br>*(Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)* | 1778 | 1789 |
| D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS | | |
| SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES | 55 | 0 |
| E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION *(Sum of C and D)* | 1833 | 1789 |
| F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED<br>1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing | 17 | 61 |
| 2. Return from News Agents | 0 | 0 |
| G. TOTAL *(Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)* | 1850 | 1850 |

**I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.**

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

Debbie Schmidt / Publisher

State of South Dakota )

: ss

County of Lincoln )

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Sworn to before me this 27th day of Sept, 19~~19~~ 2002

Notary Public

My commission expires July 10, 2003

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